

SALEM RECREATION COMMISSION  
SALEM, CONNECTICUT  
MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 18, 2014

Present

Pam Henry  
Dave Kennedy  
Doug Morrow  
Sue Spang/Chairperson  
Diane Weston/Recording Secretary

Al Giansanti  
Crispin Fresco-Hawes(late arrival)

Absent

Jim Burke  
Bob Appleby

Guests

Paul Bureau

**CALL TO ORDER:**

Chairperson Sue Spang called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

**1. MINUTES:**

M/S/C (Morrow/Henry) to approve the July 21, 2014 minutes as presented.  
**Vote: Approved unanimous.**

**2. TREASURER'S REPORT:**

None

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT/GUESTS/CORRESPONDENCE:**

S. Spang introduced Paul Bureau as the representative from SYBL.  
S. Spang brought the Commission up to date on the brush clearing work at the corner of Music Vale and Hartford Roads.

**4. Additions and Revisions**

None

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. Scoreboard Update**

The scoreboard has been ordered and should be shipped soon to Jaypro. The wind load data is needed for the permit to be issued.

**b. Round Hill Road Lighting/Fence/Parking Lot/Drainage/Sheds**

CL&P poles are near the parking lot for the parking lot lighting.

The traffic flow seems to be working for the parking lot with the new fencing that has been installed.

The engineers have done a survey but there has been no report from the engineer on the drainage from the Town Hall parking lot empties into the area of the parking lot.

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*Sue Spang*  
Chairperson  
TOWN OF SALEM  
CLERK

The AAU equipment sheds have been installed; War at the Shore has a set of keys. The sheds might possibly be labeled for easy distinction.

S. Spang spoke to the representative for the “War at the Shore” about the condition the dugouts/fields were left after the last tournament.

**c. Basketball**

S. Spang has not heard back yet from the East Lyme Basketball League after their meeting about travel team opportunities for Salem children.

S. Spang suggested to East Lyme that Salem children that make the team be placed on one team; the children will have to try out for the teams.

**d. Recreation Clerk Report**

D. Weston reported after school programs are being planned.

Motor coach trips for the fall are listed on the website. Included are trips to NYC and Stormville Flea Market, and the Old Deerfield Craft Show. Please go to [www.salemct.gov/recreation](http://www.salemct.gov/recreation) for more information.

**6. OLD BUSINESS**

**a. Volunteer Park** – C. Fresco-Hawes reported the clover on the soccer field has grown very tall.

**b. Baseball-**

Paul Bureau reported there was a Major and Minor team that participated in the State Tournament this year. Fall Ball meetings have taken place; games start on September 6<sup>th</sup>. There are no Babe Ruth teams for Fall Ball.

There are ten towns that are in the Tri-County League. Tri-County fees have increased due to low enrollment; there was a \$1300 loss for SYBL. Salem player fees will need to be increased.

A. Giansanti resigned as District Commissioner for Tri Town Baseball.

Girls’ softball is struggling for players; attendance is down.

More participation is needed at the SYBL monthly meetings.

S. Spang reported she has not heard back from Marlborough Recreation about purchasing the left over fence cover for their baseball fields.

**c. Soccer** – The U12 girls’ team has 9 on it; some 4 graders may be brought up to have a completed team. Practices will start this week for the fall season. There will be a Salem Surge travel team. The U10 boys have 23 participants.

**d. Basketball-** See 5.c. for update.

**e. Tennis** – D. Morrow asked if the materials are available for the update to the hitting wall. S. Spang will find out where they are located.

**f. Multi-purpose Path** – S. Spang reported clearing is taking place between Rt. 85 and Music Vale for a future park.

## **7. OTHER BUSINESS**

S. Spang asked members for project ideas that may be used for Eagle Scout Awards.

## **8. FUTURE ACTION ITEMS**

- a. Tobacco Free Fields
- b. Discussion of Field Fees – A small discussion was held on the survey that the field use fees are low for Salem.

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

**M/S/C (Morrow/Henry) to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 PM. Vote: approved unanimous.**

Respectfully submitted by  
Diane Weston  
Recording Secretary